

## Church News.

### FROM NORTH GEORGETOWN.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—As I have on former occasion said our children's meeting would be held at an appointed time. I am glad to say it was a grand meeting. Brother Kimmel was with us and in his usual good style eulogized those who came forward and so well performed their part of the program. He talked to and prayed for them, to be faithful in their every duty. The house, though large, would not hold near all who came from far and near to learn and see how the good work was progressing, under the leadership of our noble pastor, and grand superintendent of the Sunday school. A few days ago brother Kimmel was called to this place to perform the last sad rites of an aged man, whose last sun has gone down and who we trust has gone to the camping ground beyond the turbid waters where his long and severe sickness will not follow. To prove conclusive that a good work is done here by our beloved pastor, is the fact that this aged hero who had been consigned to Libby prison (by a foe at one time), "Engaged in fierce combat," he was, in his early days confined in the Lutheran church and was a member (in name) to the end of his time. But who, when sickness came, and knowing that the end was nigh, said, "I want Kimmel to preach my funeral sermon." Another proof of his power was demonstrated on the 10th inst.: though the weather was cold and the waters chilly he went down into the cold stream and baptized one who through these many years was a wanderer from God and a stranger to grace. To the brother who had the moral courage to forsake Satan and all his pernicious ways and become willing to go down into the cold water to imitate our blessed Lord. He will be a true child of God and ever do as all good Christians will do, is to keep before your mind three great points—Truth, Duty and Interest.

These three points are so closely connected that a true child of God cannot see any one of them without, at the same time, seeing the other two. To be impressed with truth, to be animated to duty, to be awakened to interest, is the great sum of spiritual blessings attainable in public worship. It is to this we engage in the three leading exercises of the house of God, viz., preaching, praying and singing. The minister of the Gospel may preach in such a way and manner that "Truth divine," commended from his tongue, he may preach with all the power ever given to man. He may pray with Paul of old or with the fervor of an Apollos; but if the songs of Zion and of Moses and the Lamb be left off, we feel that an important and indispensable part of the service has been left off. Can this be only from habit? No. It springs from our consciousness of

the enlivening and edifying effect of good singing upon the heart. When do the songs of the redeemed most joyfully thrill our hearts? When do we gaze most rapturously through "opening vistas into heaven?" When do our spirits most ardently long to rise and dwell on earth no more? Every true Christian's experience answers as if with one voice. When we are imitating those blissful strains of adoration, love and praise to Almighty God. These are advantages of worship.

Here cares and angry passions cease,  
For saints together meet,  
To spend an hour together of prayer and praise,

At our Redeemer's feet,  
And here our comrades in the war,  
With Satan and with sin,  
Who now in God's own favor share,  
And soon their heaven will win.  
From Cor. Sec. of North Georgetown Brethren church.

### FROM NORTH LIBERTY CHURCH.

The church is in a good healthy condition. One was baptized a few Sundays ago and one received from the German Baptist at the communion. We had a pleasant communion, not large but very pleasant.

The Sunday school is well attended for this season and we have a Sisters' Aid Society here in a flourishing condition. The sisters will report soon.

JESSE CALVERT.

### FROM HAGERSTOWN, MD.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Our revival services have closed, and I think our members will all agree with me that we have had a grand feast, in the way of sermons. Brother Mackey conducted these services to attentive audiences, and immediate results were two accessions by baptism.

There are others who have listened night after night to the offer of "pardon" and even admitted their desire for it, and yet they still linger in danger. I feel that they surely will come later for they cannot forget entirely this grand offer of salvation.

The night before closing these services, brother Mackey spoke on "trine immersion," to a large audience and aroused quite a sensation among the single immersionists and others. These services will always be precious to me, for they were the means of leading my own sister to her Savior, and spiritually strengthening us for the duties of life.

Very sincerely,  
BERTHA BYER.

### FROM JOHNSTOWN, PA.

To the Brethren of Pa.:—Please notice that the Mission Board of Pa., is reorganized for the present conference year as follows: Pres., Dan'l Crofford; Secretary, R. Z. Replogle; Treasurer, Albert Trent.

Please notice also that we owe Eld. J. B. Wampler for evangelistic services for conference year ending Sept. 30th, 1893, \$37.14 and \$20 for

special work in the year ending Sept. 30th, 1894, in the city of Altoona; making a total of \$57.14, to Nov. 13th 1894. And I am requested by the board to issue a call for contributions at once. Don't let me call on you personally. Who will respond first? Don't wait a half year for last collection. Send all money to R. Z. Replogle, care of Penn. Traffic Co., Johnstown, Pa.

### FROM McLOUTH, KAN.

Having been chosen correspondent for the church at McLouth, I feel it my duty to give some account of the work here. There is a small band of brethren and sisters here. We came among them last March; since that time my husband, J. R. Kimmel, has been preaching for them. We have our meetings in connection with the German Baptist Brethren, they having kindly given us a part of their time. We also have a Sunday school supported by both churches which has been quite prosperous all summer and fall, and a prayer meeting, it is not as well attended as we would like but is very enjoyable. We are building a new church which will soon be completed. It is deeded to the German Baptist Brethren and they give us an article for the use of it half the time for ninety-nine years. We have engaged the services of brother Arthur Brubaker and expect to begin a series of meetings about the first of December. Brethren and sisters pray that much good may be done.

MAGGIE KIMMEL.

### DOWN, KANSAS.

We, the North Solomon Valley church, do not report often enough, as often as I see the notices of other churches reporting their church work. I wonder why some of our workers don't make it a duty, his or her own to send in our news.

We just returned home from the Elm Creek school house, where after a good Sunday school, we tried to speak from the words, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper. But whosoever confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." The attention was good. We just told the people the danger there is in hiding our own faults by the faults of others. Trying to place clearly before them the fact that God held us responsible, first, for the wrong we do ourselves and second, for the wrong we allow others to do and not warn them of the destruction they will reap unless they repent. Only those who confess and forsake their sin have the promise of mercy.

One thing is to find fault with our wrong and the other to confess our wrong and ask him for strength to forsake them. While God will give us strength, will we accept it. If ever we are lost, it is because we refuse God's offer of salvation. If ever we are saved, it is because we accept and live in accordance with God's plan of salvation. God sent

his Son to redeem a lost world. *The words*, and he is the propitiation for our sin and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John II, 2. Imply that the redemption is made. Hence if we are lost, we are to blame. And why? Simply for neglecting to confess and forsake our sins. If any see their sins let them, with us, confess and forsake them that we henceforth live more acceptable to God, then God shall be glorified by our lives and we shall be able to do more to benefit men and save souls. May God thus guide us by his spirit. The church is striving still to follow God in his ways, at this place. Asking an interest in your prayers and praying God to bless his work in the future as in the past, I am

Fraternally yours,  
G. J. WOLTERS.

### FROM CONEMAUGH, PA.

The church at New Enterprise, Pa. which I served as pastor for three years, gave me a hearty invitation to come and enjoy their communion, services which took place on Nov. 4th.

Brother A. B. Hoffman of Woodbury, Pa., who is always ready to do his share and make the preacher comfortable, met me at the depot and conveyed me to his hospitable home where I enjoyed the associations of his family. On the evening of Sept. 31st, I preached in the Bethel church in Woodbury, to a fair audience; there I met many friends and old acquaintances which was pleasant to me.

Spent Thursday visiting brethren, and on Nov. 2nd made my entry into the little town of New Enterprise, which seemed very much like home. I cast anchor at the hospitable home of brother S. L. Buck. At the evening service when I arose to preach after enjoying so many familiar handshakes, hearing those familiar voices in song and then looking around me and seeing so many familiar faces, and standing in my old familiar place brought many fond recollections to my mind which I hope not to forget very soon.

Preached Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday morning to fair and appreciative audiences. On Sunday afternoon it was my privilege, in the absence of the pastor, to bury a dear soul in baptism. At 5 P. M. we gathered at the church for communion services and I am glad to say we had a glorious meeting, the largest ever held at that place, everything passed off quietly and harmoniously. It was a meeting long to be remembered, I can safely say by all.

As I desired to spend a few days with the brethren at Fredricksburg and a goodly number of those members came out to the meeting, Bro. F. M. Klepser insisted on me to go home with him that night, a distance of about twelve miles. I consented, and after all were ready we started, four vehicles. The sky was cloudy and dark but with good engineering and a sharp lookout from the cab